

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: ) Examiner: NYA  
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Eggo Sichmann, et al. ) Art Unit: NYA  
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Serial No.: NYA )  
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Filed: Concurrently Herewith )  
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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD )  
FOR AVOIDING GAS BUBBLES )  
WHEN TRANSPORTING A )  
LIQUID BY MEANS OF PUMPS )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the specification as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 1, please insert --This application claims priority to German Application Serial No. 100 45 659.6, filed September 15, 2000; German Application Serial No. 101 00 508.3, filed January 8, 2001, and German Application No. 101 02 142.9, filed January 18, 2001.--


**Remarks**

The amendment to the specification was made to reference the priority application, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.78. The amendment therefore does not add new matter and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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